

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An object model for capturing online meeting-related information, comprising:

a meeting plan interface for capturing administrative meeting information of a meeting in a meeting plan object; and

a meeting discussion interface for capturing substantive information pertaining to the contents of discussion during said meeting in a meeting discussion object, wherein said meeting discussion interface creates (i) action item objects encapsulating information defining tasks to be completed and (ii) commitment objects encapsulating information identifying individuals responsible to complete tasks defined in action item objects.

2. (Original) An object model in accordance with claim 1, wherein:
each of said meeting plan object and said meeting discussion object is stored in a tool-neutral persistent form.

3. (Original) An object model in accordance with claim 2, wherein:
each of said meeting plan object and said meeting discussion object is stored in a separate relational database, wherein associations between each of said meeting plan object and said meeting discussion object are captured using foreign keys.

4. (Original) An object model in accordance with claim 1, wherein:
said meeting discussion interface captures product design related information in a product design related object.

5. (Original) An object model in accordance with claim 1, wherein:
said meeting discussion interface captures decision related information in a decision object.

6. (Original) An object model in accordance with claim 1, wherein:
said meeting plan interface provides the ability to capture a meeting agenda in a meeting agenda object, a meeting in a meeting objective object, a meeting schedule in a meeting schedule object, wherein said meeting agenda object, said meeting objective object, and said meeting schedule object are stored separately in a tool neutral form.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method for capturing online meeting-related information, comprising:
 - capturing administrative meeting information of a meeting in a meeting plan object;
 - [[and]]
 - capturing substantive information pertaining to the contents of discussion during said meeting in a meeting discussion object;
 - capturing an action item in an action item object and a commitment by a meeting participant to perform said action item in a commitment object; and
 - storing said commitment object and said action item object separately in a form accessible by multiple software applications through a common public interface.
9. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 8, comprising:
 - storing each of said meeting plan object and said meeting discussion object in a tool-neutral persistent form.
10. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 9, comprising:
 - storing each of said meeting plan object and said meeting discussion object in a separate relational database, wherein associations between each of said meeting plan object and said meeting discussion object are captured using foreign keys.
11. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 8, comprising:
 - capturing product design related information in a product design related object.
12. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 8, comprising:
 - capturing decision related information in a decision object.
13. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 8, comprising:
 - capturing a meeting agenda in a meeting agenda object, a meeting in a meeting objective object, a meeting schedule in a meeting schedule object; and
 - storing said meeting agenda object, said meeting objective object, and said meeting schedule object separately in a tool neutral form.
14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium tangibly embodying program instructions implementing a method for capturing online meeting-related information, the method comprising the steps of:

capturing administrative meeting information of a meeting in a meeting plan object; [[and]]

capturing substantive information pertaining to the contents of discussion during said meeting in a meeting discussion object; [[and]]

storing each of said meeting plan object and said meeting discussion object in a tool-neutral persistent form;

capturing an action item in an action item object and a commitment by a meeting participant to perform said action item in a commitment object; and

storing said commitment object and said action item object separately in a form accessible by multiple software applications through a common public interface.

16. (Original) The computer readable storage medium of claim 15, the method comprising:

storing each of said meeting plan object and said meeting discussion object in a separate relational database, wherein associations between each of said meeting plan object and said meeting discussion object are captured using foreign keys.

17. (Original) The computer readable storage medium of claim 16, the method comprising:

capturing product design related information in a product design related object.

18. (Original) The computer readable storage medium of claim 15, the method comprising:

capturing decision related information in a decision object.

19. (Original) The computer readable storage medium of claim 15, the method comprising:

capturing a meeting agenda in a meeting agenda object, a meeting in a meeting objective object, a meeting schedule in a meeting schedule object, and

storing said meeting agenda object, said meeting objective object, and said meeting schedule object separately in a tool neutral form.

20. (Cancelled)